

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2689 - SB 2618

January 29, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows any person who is a member in good standing of a National Guard unit to attend a Tennessee public institution of higher education at in-state tuition and fee rates.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- The bill applies to Tennessee National Guardsmen who are not residents of Tennessee.
- Out-of-state tuition is revenue for higher education institutions that is deducted from the formula funding request. Therefore, waiving out-of-state tuition will result in a corresponding amount of the higher education operating cost which will need to be funded by the state.
- The number of National Guardsmen who would take advantage of the in-state tuition rate cannot be determined; however, using an average university cost of \$8,000 per student, if out-of-state tuition was waived for only 13 students, the decrease in state revenues would exceed \$100,000.

For information purposes, at present there are 631 Tennessee Army Guardsmen and 494 Tennessee Air Guardsmen who are not Tennessee residents.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director